

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device ~~of for~~ a contact-mesh type transmission driving a shift selection shaft in a first direction and a second direction that is different from said first direction to perform ~~gear selection and gear joining and dejoining operations~~ and gear selection, respectively, wherein:

said ~~gear selection and gear joining and dejoining operations~~ and gear selection are performed by ~~driving operating an actuator to drive~~ said shift selection shaft in said first direction ~~and simultaneously driving a second actuator~~ guiding said shift selection in said second direction, thereby driving said shift selection shaft in said first direction and simultaneously driving it in said second direction.

2. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device according to Claim 1, wherein said first direction is a direction along the axis of said shift selection shaft and said second direction is a rotational direction ~~round~~ around said shift selection shaft.

3. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device according to Claim-2 1, further comprising wherein said actuator comprises a motor for driving said shift selection shaft in said first direction and a guide mechanism for ~~converting~~

converting motion of said shift selection shaft in said first direction to motion in said second direction, wherein said shift selection shaft is driven by said motor in said first and second directions.

4. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device ~~of~~for a normally contact -mesh type transmission comprising a shift finger selectively ~~joining to~~ engaged with or dejoining-disengaged from shift fork shafts of said normally contact -mesh type transmission, a shift selection shaft including said shift finger, at least one electrically controllable driving means for driving said shift selection shaft in ~~the direction (the a gear shift direction)~~ parallel with said shift fork shafts, at least one electrically controllable driving means for driving said shift selection shaft in ~~the direction (the a gear selection direction)~~ direction perpendicular to said shift fork shafts, a follower formed integrally with said shift selection shaft, and a guide slit ~~joined to~~ engaged by said follower to guide the ~~operation~~ movement of said shift selection shaft, wherein:

said guide slit has a plurality of parallel ~~parts~~ slit parts parallel with said shift fork shafts and a plurality of slant slit parts ~~connected so~~ converging as to come to a point at ~~the a~~ a neutral position from said plurality of parallel parts.

5. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device ~~of~~for a normally contact -mesh type transmission comprising a shift finger selectively ~~joining~~ engaged with to or ~~dejoining-disengaged~~ from shift fork shafts of said normally contact -mesh type transmission, a shift selection shaft including said shift finger, at least one electrically controllable driving means for driving said ~~shift~~ shift selection shaft in ~~the direction (the a gear shift direction)~~ parallel with said shift fork shafts, at least one electrically controllable driving means for pressing said shift selection shaft in ~~the~~

~~direction (the a gear selection direction)~~ perpendicular to said ~~shift~~ shift fork shafts, a follower formed integrally with said shift selection shaft, and a guide slit ~~joined to~~ engaged by said follower to guide the ~~operation~~ movement of said shift selection shaft, wherein:

said guide slit has a plurality of parallel slit parts parallel with said shift fork shafts and a plurality of slant slit parts ~~connected~~ converging so as to come to a point at ~~the a~~ neutral position from said plurality of parallel parts.

6. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device ~~of for~~ a normally contact -mesh type transmission comprising a shift finger ~~selectively joining to~~ engaged with or ~~dejoining~~ disengaged from shift fork shafts of said normally contact -mesh type transmission, a shift selection shaft including said shift finger, at least one electrically controllable driving means for operating said shift selection shaft ~~in the direction (the a gear shift direction)~~ parallel with said shift fork shafts, a follower formed integrally with said shift selection shaft, and a guide slit ~~joined to~~ engaged by said follower to guide the ~~operation~~ movement of said shift selection shaft, wherein:

said guide slit has a plurality of parallel slit parts parallel with said shift fork shafts and a plurality of slant slit parts ~~connected~~ converging so as to come to a point at ~~the a~~ neutral position from said plurality of parallel parts, ~~and each~~ slant slit part arranged in said guide slit ~~has~~ having an electrically switched gate.

7. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device according to any one of Claims 4 to 6, wherein said parallel slit parts of said guide slit and said slant slit parts of said guide slit are smooth curved slits continuously connected.

8. (original) A gearshift operating device according to any one of Claims 4

to 6, wherein said follower has a curved section.

9. (original) A gearshift operating device according to any one of Claims 4 to 6, wherein said follower has a roller.

10. (currently amended) A gearshift operating device according to any one of Claims 4 to 6, wherein clearance of the joint engagement between said shift finger and said shift fork shafts is almost equal to or wider than the width of said shift finger.

11. (original) A gearshift operating device according to any one of Claims 4 to 6, wherein the width of said follower has some clearance for the width of said guide slit.